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THE DCM WENT OVER REF WITH AMBASSADOR LEWNDOWSKI,
WITH THE FOLLOWING RESULTS.

1. ARRIVAL CEREMONY WILL BE STAGED AT AIRPORT, WITH
NATIONAL ANTHEMS, FLAGS, DIPLOMATIC CORPS, AND ARRIVAL
STATEMENTS.
2. NO EXPLANATION OF TOMB HISTORY WILL BE GIVEN.
3. THE POLES UNDERSTAND THAT THE 1330 TO 1630 PERIOD IS
TO ENCOMPASS THE TETE-A-TETE LUNCHEON AND AN EXPANDED
BILATERAL MEETING. LEWANDOWSKI RPEATED (PARA 4 WARSAW
8855) THE POLISH EXPECTATION THAT THE WORKING LUNCHEON
WOULD START WITH A 15-18 PRIVATE CHAT BETWEEN THE
PRESIDENT AND THE FIRST SECRETARY, ACCOMPANIED ONLY BY
INTERPRETERS. HE EXPLAINED THAT SUCH RESTRICTED SESSIONS
ARE STANDARD PRACTICE BEFORE SUMMIT-LEVEL TALKS IN
POLAND AND ARE DESIGNED TO PERMIT THE TWO LEADERS TO
AGREE ON THE AGENDA FOR SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSIONS AND TO
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TOUCH ON ANY PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE SUBJECTS. THE DCM
SAID WE WOULD SEEK WASHINGTON'S APPROVAL OF THIS FIRST
STAGE IN THE LUNCHEON SCENARIO. LEWANDOWSKI ALSO SUG-
GESTED THAT WE CONSIDER MOVING THE LUNCHEON UP TO 1315,
SINCE HE QUESTIONED WHETHER THE MONUMENT CEREMONIES
WOULD REQUIRE THE 1-AND-1 1/2 HOURS NOW ALLOTTED TO THEM.
THE DCM SAID WE DOUBTED THAT THIS WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE

TO OUR SIDE, BUT THAT ANY TIME GAPS COULD ONLY BE ADDRESSED AFTER WORKING UP DETAILED SCENARIOS.

4. THE POLES UNDERSTAND THAT THE 45-MINUTE PERIOD BETWEEN THE END OF THE BILATERAL MEETING AND THE PRESS CONFERENCE WILL BE SPENT FOR TRAVEL AND PREPARATION FOR THE CONFERENCE. GIVEN THE 15-MINUTE DRIVE BETWEEN THE SEJM AND WILANOW, PLUS THE SAME OR SOMEWHAT LONGER RETURN TRIP TO THE SITE OF THE PRESS CONFERENCE, WE WONDER WHETHER THE PRESIDENT WILL WISH TO TAKE THE TIME TO GO TO HIS QUARTERS DURING THIS 45-MINUTE PERIOD. IF REQUESTED, THE POLES WOULD NO DOUBT MAKE A ROOM IN THE SEJM BUILDING AVAILABLE FOR HIS USE. HOWEVER, THIS POSES OBVIOUS SECURITY HAZARDS. AS AN ALTERNATIVE, THE PRESIDENT MIGHT WISH TO PREPARE FOR THE PRESS CONFERENCE AT THE EMBASSY, WHERE OUR SECURE ACOUSTICAL CONFERENCE ROOM WOULD BE AVAILABLE. (IF, AS WE JUDGE FROM REF, THE PRESIDENT IS NOT INTERESTED IN MEETING THE POLISH OR AMERICAN STAFFS OF THE EMBASSY, WE WOULD PRECLUDE THE POSSIBILITY OF EMPLOYEES GATHERING IN THE LOBBY.) ON THE LOCATION OF THE PRESS CONFERENCE, LEWANDOWSKI PROMISED TO GIVE US AN ANSWER TOMORROW, DECEMBER 10. HE SAID THE POLES ARE CONSIDERING A LARGE ROOM AT THE SEJM BUILDING (GROUND FLOOR) OR ONE OF THE CONFERENCE ROOMS AT THE HOTEL VICTORIA. HE SAID HE WAS INCLINED TOWARD THE LATTER. (COMMENT: SO ARE WE.)
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5. RETURNING TO THE MONUMENT CEREMONIES, PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU HAVE PROBLEMS WITH THE STRONG POLISH PREFERENCE THAT THE PRESIDENT PLACE FLOWERS, RATHER THAN WREATHS, AT THE NIKE AND GHETTO MEMORIALS. IF, DESPITE THIS POLISH REQUEST, YOU DECIDE TO USE FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS OF ANY SPECIAL DESIGN (E.G., STAR OF DAVID OR "PW", EMBLEM OF FIGHTING POLAND), THESE WILL HAVE TO BE BROUGHT WITH THE PRESIDENTIAL PARTY.

6. LEWANDOWSKI ASKED TO BE INFORMED OF ANY SPECIAL DIETARY LIKES OR DISLIKES OF THE PRESIDENT AND THE FIRST LADY.

7. FINALLY, ON MRS. CARTER'S PROGRAM, HE ASKED IF WE HAD ANY INFORMATION ON MRS. CARTER'S SPECIFIC INTERESTS IN THE FIELD OF MENTAL HEALTH. HE WAS REFERRING TO PLANS TO HAVE A DISCUSSION WITH POLISH EXPERTS ON THIS SUBJECT AT THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL FOLLOWING MRS. CARTER'S TOUR OF THE FACILITIES. HE SAID MORE PRECISE GUIDANCE ON TOPICS MRS. CARTER MIGHT WISH TO DISCUSS WOULD ASSIST THE POLISH SIDE IN SELECTING PARTICIPANTS.

8. ANY REACTION TO THE POLISH SUGGESTION THAT THE TEXTS OF THE DINNER TOASTS BE EXCHANGED AND DISTRIBUTED IN ADVANCE TO GUESTS (PARA 5(B) OF REF)? AS LEWANDOWSKI EXPLAINED, THIS WOULD REDUCE THE TIME SPENT AT THE TABLE AND WOULD FACILITATE THE PRESIDENT'S DEPARTURE BY 2140.

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